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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2001. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-19 and add new claims 21-37. The new claims are detailed in the following set of claims.

- Sub C1
21. (New) A method comprising:
identifying a vector normal to a viewing surface and incident at an object having a object surface, the vector creating an angle of incidence at the object surface; and
modulating the transparency of an image of the object as a function of the angle of incidence of the vector at the object surface.
22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the function comprises a cosine function.
23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the function comprises a linear function.
24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein the function comprises a non-linear function.